

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein. Applicants have canceled claims 14, 19-20, 29, and 32-35 without prejudice. Applicants also have amended claims 3-5, 7-9, 12-13, 15-17, 21, 23-28, and 30 to remove multiple dependencies and to conform the claims to U.S. patent practice. In addition Applicants have amended claims 24, 26, and 28 to recite that the group $-(\text{CR}^1\text{R}^2)_m\text{O}[_n][\text{CR}^3\text{R}^4]_o-$ is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$. Support for this amendment can be found in Applicants' specification at, for example, page 20, lines 1-2.

Further, Applicants have amended the specification to include a paragraph claiming the benefit of priority to related applications. In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to add an Abstract. The attached Abstract corresponds to the Abstract that was published in corresponding PCT publication no. WO 2005/014024. Thus, no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants ask that claims 1-13, 15-18, 21-28, and 30-31 be examined. The enclosed filing fee takes into account the pending claims following entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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